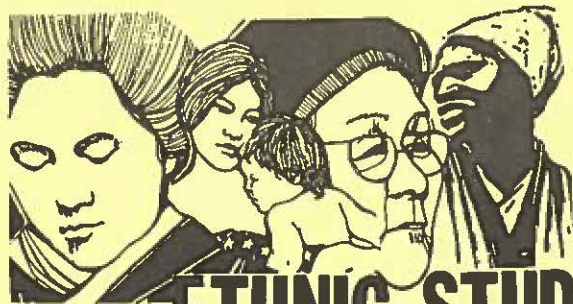


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WOMEN WORKERS IN HAWAII'S PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY



Six women field workers and 10 cannery women recall their daily work experiences in the pineapple industry and talk of their domestic lives as well. Provides a unique record of Hawaii's working women over the past 75 years from the perspective of the women themselves.



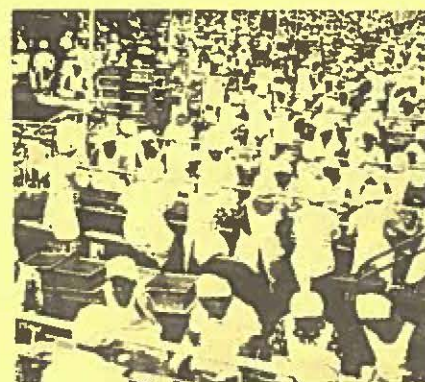
"Today, maybe you go picking [pineapple]. Some days they tell you have to go weeding. Another day take off slips. But that time [ca. 1942] I was healthy, so you don't mind. Any kind job, I didn't mind. I like that farm work, you know. The housework, I don't care very much. I rather work in the field."

IRENE HIDALGO, retired Dole field forelady-



"Because I got a chance to work for this company, my husband and I could support our children and educate them, and they are where they are now. I'm very thankful because it's a honest working job, good-paying job, too."

LIIKO NOUCHI, Dole field forelady



"I keep chasing the cylinders. I picking up my pine and I'm packing my fancy — you have to pack your fancy and choice. The pineapple coming down, I picking up the pineapple, coming down again, packing my pineapple. Oh, pick up the pineapple. Oh was really frustrating . . . I said [to the forelady], 'I need octopus hands.' Kept on going . . ."

JULIA SOUZA, Dole cannery packing and trimming forelady

"We had our own club, foreladies and relievers. 'Jolly Packers.' Well, I have, I think, 35 foreladies, plus section heads. We would picnic. Go Ala Moana Center. Sometimes go countryside, or outer islands. I find out myself and this group is very understanding group and have a lot of cooperation. They never hate each other and fight each other."

MABEL KOZUKI, retired Dole cannery head forelady



"1918, I think, [I became packing] forelady. Intermittent forelady. I was the youngest [forelady] in there [17 years old]. Even the foremans used to come tease me. They tell, 'Eh, girl. Eh, girl.' And then the head forelady says, 'She's not a girl. She's forelady.'"

MABEL KOZUKI